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COMMENT OF THE DAY

DEFENCE PROBLEM

At a time when proposals to reduce sharply Britain's armed forces at home and abroad were causing surprise and consternation both in the Nato headquarters in Paris and in the House of Commons, it was officially stated in London that Hongkong was to retain a "substantial garrison." It was assumed here that the Colony was, unlike other overseas bases, to be an exception, and that the present garrison was either to be maintained at full strength or very slightly reduced.

Now, however, the full scope of the plan has been revealed and, it is to be assumed, that Mr Duncan Sandys' forthcoming visit is in some way connected with these changes. It is not, of course, known what ideas he has about Hongkong but it would seem that with the greater emphasis being placed upon modern weapons, even a garrison of men (as the total force is reduced) on sentry duty in one or more distant outposts requires very serious thought. Each territory may be considered individually — certainly they ought to be for circumstances differ in each case.

SENTRY DUTY

THIS is unlikely in the transitional period but in time the prospect of employing not a smaller but an increasingly larger proportion of men (as the total force is reduced) on sentry duty in one or more distant outposts requires very serious thought. Each territory may be considered individually — certainly they ought to be for circumstances differ in each case.

Part of the new defence policy is the proposal to retain a "fire brigade" force to answer regional alarms. But in the case of Hongkong, distance precludes the idea of rushing troops from the nearest British or Commonwealth base in an emergency. Besides the garrison is maintained less to counter possible aggression than for the sake of the Colony's morale. This must surely be understood in London. Recent history testifies to the futility of attempting impregnable defence. But what London should realise is that it is unlikely that this kind of defence will ever be necessary in Hongkong. In the light of these assumptions, defence planners may ask how such a comparatively large force is justified.

OURS & THEIRS

AND there is only one answer which, to a Government agency bent on effecting economies may not seem very valid: it is that without a substantial garrison, though it does not necessarily mean a garrison of the present size, confidence in the Colony's feeling of secure independence may be seriously jeopardised, the economic consequences of which ought to be apparent to all. There is also the question of internal security which is probably more important than external.

More: Hongkong gives proof to the Far East and South-east Asia that despite self-government in Singapore, independence in Malaya and the departure of British forces from Korea, Britain is not abandoning its position in this part of the world. That means much to Southeast Asia where confidence in Britain is shaky and where morale is undoubtedly dependent to some extent upon a thriving, confident Hongkong. America undoubtedly plays the major role but Britain is exerting a more pacifying influence in its Far Eastern diplomacy. Any proof it can give of its intention to continue this role will help to dispel insecurity in this area.

BRITISH OMAN OFFENSIVE IMMINENT

Troops Massed At Muscat And Buraimi Oasis

Bahrein, Aug. 5.

The lull before a planned storm hung over the baked deserts of Oman today.

British and local troops prepared to move against insurgent forces of the Imam in their remote mountain fastnesses within the next two days.

Plans for attacking the dissident tribesmen were laid carefully during the past two weeks here at British Headquarters, at the British-backed Sultan's Muscat capital and in London.

Arab League To Meet In Cairo

Cairo, Aug. 5.

The Arab League Political Committee will meet tomorrow to formulate plans to aid the Imam of Oman against "British Imperialism," it was officially announced today.

The official announcement said the meeting would discuss "developments in the Imamate of Oman and lay down joint Arab state plans to aid the Imam in his struggle against British Imperialism."

A conference was held today to arrange tomorrow's meeting. When the last Council meeting adjourned, it left the session technically open to take any urgent business that might arise. — United Press.

CHESSMAN FOOLS WARDEN (Writes Third) Book

San Quentin, Aug. 5.

A San Francisco newspaper today disclosed the ingenious technique used in San Quentin Prison by best-selling author Caryl Chessman, sentenced to death for attempted rape, to write his third book, "The Face of Justice."

The warden of the prison had forbidden Chessman to write any more books.

Chessman typed his third book on fresh carbon paper which he slipped between used sheets of paper which his guards did not bother to read.

Chessman, who was sentenced to death in 1948, is 36 years old and has published two other books, "Cell 2455, Death Row" and "Trial by Ordeal."

The United States Supreme Court recently ordered a review of Chessman's trial. — France-Press.

Wildcat Strike Cripples Buenos Aires

Buenos Aires, Aug. 5.

The huge Buenos Aires Harbour was crippled today by a wildcat strike.

Soldiers, sailors and airmen were manning wharveside cranes and working in ships holds to load or unload the many vessels in the crowded docks.

Longshoremen had staged a slowdown strike for several days in support of demands for higher pay. When their attitude was declared illegal by the Government, they left their jobs altogether.

The Government warned that armed forces would guarantee the right of all to work—whether registered dockers or not—as of 7 am today. — United Press.

(In Cairo, the Imam's representative, Mohamed El Harithy, appealed to the Russian and United States Embassies to halt "British aggression" in Oman.)

In Washington, the US State Department said today it had not received a plea from the Imam of Oman that the United States stop British military action in the Sultanate).

Cameronian

Forces to be committed included Scottish Cameronian troops and Trucial Oman levies loyal to the Sultan. They were understood to be massed at Muscat and Buraimi Oasis.

Action on the eve of the anticipated jump-off against the rebels was confined to six sorties by Royal Air Force Venom jet fighters. They shot up a number of motor vehicles and cruised at low altitudes over interior areas of the Southern Arabian Peninsula.

Pilots reported two white flags of the rebellious Imam and one red flag of the Sultan flying in the interior.

As for strategic Sharqia Province, which lies between rebel Nizwa and the coast, there was no clarification of the question of who controls it.

White Flag

A pilot reported a white flag of the Imam flying in Sharqia yesterday. A spokesman said there had been some there earlier, but the province was loyal to the Sultan.

The British dropped leaflets there for the Sultan a few days ago as a preliminary to intervening waverers. They said this did not indicate the province was in rebel control.

Sharqia is vital because it would give the rebels access to the coast. It also approaches close to the Sultan's capital at Muscat. Spread of rebel power out from Nizwa and the surrounding country to Sharqia would thus be of immense importance.

There have been confused reports that the area of influence of the Imam may have expanded.

Rebel-Held

The rebels were said to have advanced about 60 miles east of Izki, hitherto the easternmost point of rebel-held territory. But it is not certain if intervening territory is also affected.

Izki is about 100 miles east of Ibb where British forces are now believed to be concentrating.

Reports suggest that the rebels are possibly now holding an 85-mile strip of mountainous and eastern Hajir Ranges.

Captain Stephen Beattie, V.C., Senior Royal Navy Officer in the Persian Gulf, told correspondents yesterday that three frigates were patrolling the Muscat and Trucial Oman Coasts, proving a deterrent to gun-running ships although none had been intercepted with illegal cargo. — Reuters and United Press.

BOMBS IN GARBAGE

Buenos Aires, Aug. 5.

Six bombs hidden under a pile of garbage exploded today at a street intersection in Vicente Lopez, some six miles north of Buenos Aires.

Nine other bombs were found under the same garbage pile and destroyed by the police.

It was believed the bombs were placed there by Peronist terrorists being sought by the police, the authorities said. — France-Press.

DREADED 'KU-KLUX KLAN' RISING AGAIN?



WIFE FIGHTS CAR DUEL WITH HUBBY ... TO SCARE HIM

Los Angeles, Aug. 5.

A jealous wife last night fought an automobile duel with her husband and at one time nearly pinned him between his demolished car and a building, police said today.

She was booked on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon. Robert D. Smallfield, 42, told police he and his wife, Wilma, also 42, quarrelled at home and he drove away in his new car.

Minutes later she followed in her own older car and rammed her husband's vehicle at a cross street.

"I know she was out for blood and I stepped on the gas," Smallfield told officers as he signed a formal complaint. She caught and rammed him again at two other intersections and, according to Smallfield, shouted: "Turn around and fight like a man!" and "You coward, come back and have it out! My car can knock out your fancy-dan heap any day!"

WAS WAITING

Smallfield told police he escaped down a side-road but when he returned to the boulevard his wife was waiting for him and rammed his again.

He circled the block a dozen times with his wife in pursuit. "I finally got chicken and abandoned my car," Smallfield said.

He said when he got out his wife tried to pin him between his battered car and the building, and then came after him with a club.

Smallfield ripped ignition wires from her car, outran his wife and called police who picked up the woman three blocks from the scene.

TEENAGERS TURN INTO RAVING 'AMAZONS'

Singapore, Aug. 6.

TEENAGE girls in a North Malayan religious school had been seized by a strange sickness which turned them into violent raving "Amazons," a newspaper reported here today.

Mysterious attacks had changed the school's 104 pupils into bedlam of screaming, laughing and jumping girls, the Straits Times said in a front-page report from Ipoh.

SCHOOL CLOSED

The school, Salehiah Girls Institute, a Moslem boarding school near Temoh, 30 miles south of Ipoh, had closed and the headmaster was reported to be planning to ask the parents to take their daughters home.

The paper said the attacks which first appeared at the school last month, had begun again on Sunday afternoon. The girls saw apparitions, and were gripped by fits of laughter, dancing and swooning.

Doctors would be asked to examine the girls. — Reuters.

"The Scandal of the Century" — was the reference of the Grand Wizard to the outcome of the efforts to integrate schools in Washington D.C.

The "Wizard" lamented — "We should have three schools instead of the present two — one for the coloured — one for the white and the third for people who don't care where they send their children."

Picture taken during a meeting of the one-dreaded Ku-Klux-Klan — originally formed after the Civil war to protect the Southern way of life from the carpetbaggers and over-ambitious former slaves. Some ardent supporters wish for a new strong Klan.

This meeting was held a few miles north of Statesville, N.C. — Keystone Photo.

JAPANESE ON BEER SPREE

Tokyo, Aug. 6.

Japan's beer drinkers guzzled down 2,863,000,000 gallons of the "foaming beverage" last month to chink up an all time high, the National Tax Administration Agency disclosed today.

The previous record, the announcement said, was two million gallons registered in June. This was 50,000 gallons more than the beer consumption of the previous June.

The Tax Agency gave no explanation for the sudden spurt in consumption of the beverage last month, but observers believed the hot weather was a factor in the inordinate thirst. — United Press.

LIBEL ACTION AGAINST COLONY PAPER

A CANTONESE film actor, Cheng Wai-sum, brought an action for libel—damages limited to \$5,000—against a Chinese newspaper organisation, The Overseas Chinese Daily News Ltd (Wah Kiu Po), in the Victoria District Court this morning.

Cheng, of No. 5 Prospect Place, is complaining that an article published on the front page of the Wah Kiu Mun Po of November 27, 1956 about an alleged skitman with a pedicab-driver in the early hours of the morning in Macao was defamatory.

He is suing the newspaper company of 106-110 Hollywood Road, its publisher, Shum Wai-yau and its editor, Au Yeung Pak-chuen.

AGREEMENT

The actor's claim is that the words in the article were calculated to hold him up to hatred, contempt and ridicule, and that he had, in consequence, been injured in his character and reputation and had been brought into public scandal, odium and contempt.

Dismissed

The libel action by Cheng Wai-sum, an actor, against the Overseas Chinese Daily News was dismissed early this afternoon by Judge James Wicks, who held that the words in the article complained of held no defamatory meaning.

were defamatory in their ordinary meaning.

"Nothing more is needed to make the plaintiff a laughing stock than to say what was published in that article," Mr Cheng argued, saying that the article tended to lower his reputation in the eyes of the public.

Mr Wright said that according to the statement of claim the plaintiff relied upon the words themselves, on their plain, ordinary meaning, because he pleaded no secondary meaning or innuendo whatever. Plaintiff claimed that on the face of these words, in their plain, ordinary, reasonable meaning, they were defamatory of him.

The plaintiff did not plead the words reflected in any way at all on him in his profession as an actor, but alleged that they affected purely his personal reputation, so it was a very simple case, Counsel said.

Mr Wright said that though the plaintiff said the words themselves were defamatory and the defamatory meaning was apparent on the face of them, the case for the defence was that the words were not reasonably capable of bearing a defamatory meaning.

PURPOSE OF ARGUMENT

The question of whether they were capable of bearing such a meaning was a question of law for the Judge to decide, and the crux was on the plaintiff to satisfy the Judge that the words, in law, were reasonably capable of bearing a defamatory meaning, Mr Wright submitted.

For the purpose of this argument, he added, it mattered not a jot whether the article was true or false.

He said that he would produce authorities to show that words causing someone to feel injured or annoyed were not sufficient. One must look at the article as a whole and the question was what a reasonable person would understand by the words and not what meaning a capricious and difficult person might force upon them.

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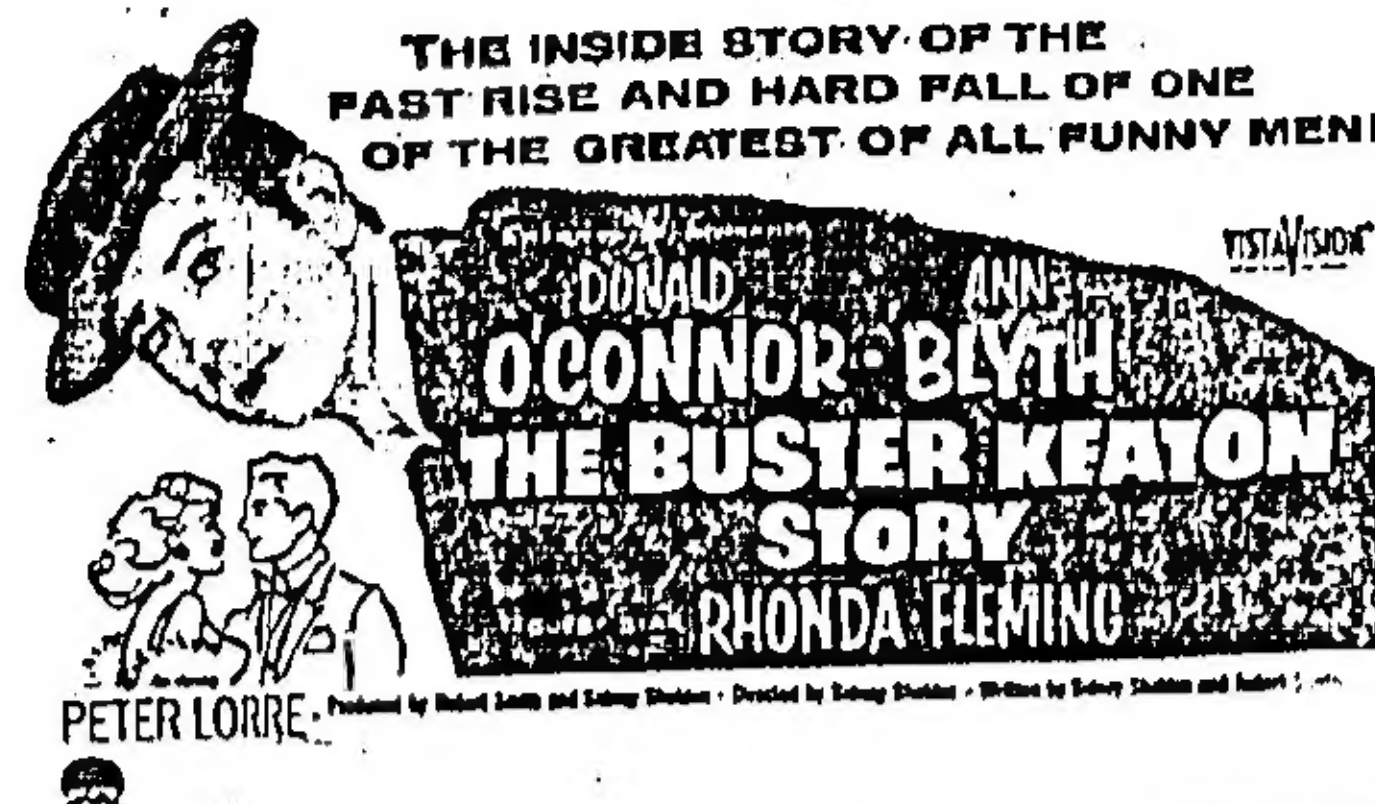
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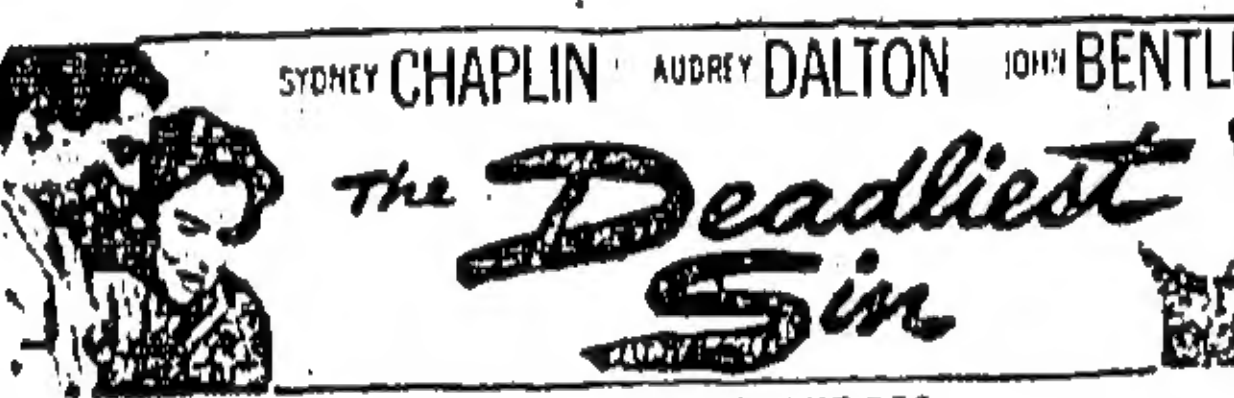
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JAPAN-CHINA ALLIANCE FEARED BY U.S. AUTHOR

Trade Barriers To Blame

New York, Aug. 5. United States import and other trade restrictions may force Japan into a commercial alliance with China, a well-known American author and businessman warned today.

Writing in the current edition of the Saturday Evening Post, the author, Cameron Hawley, asked "Are we driving Japan into Red China's arms?" His article gave an affirmative answer.

Mr. Hawley is a businessman who wrote two best-selling novels about the American business world, "Executive Suite" and "Cash McCall." He recently toured Japan.

Inevitable

If Japan opens trade with China—a move which the Chinese wanted and which many Japanese felt was inevitable—it would mean the end of its US alliance, Mr. Hawley said.

He added: "The loss of Japan to the alliance of free nations would be a catastrophe of the first order. It might well be the determining factor in the eventual loss of all Asia. Japan is the keystone of the arch of defence that we have built to contain the explosive power of China. Kick out the keystone and whole arch falls." It might easily fall for lack of support.

He gave this analysis of China's current drive for Japanese trade and diplomatic recognition.

"The Chinese Communist leaders are after more than steel and power and ships. They need consumer goods too. They are in trouble at home because they directed too large a share of their resources in heavy industry."

Warm Coats

"Japan's textile industry could supply millions upon millions of warm coats. Hundreds of other Japanese factories could pour out enough consumer goods to make the Chinese people think that Communism was really paying off."

"Then, with his people satisfied, Mao Tse-tung could safely concentrate on his all-out drive to build up the heavy industry upon which armaments depend."

He said that Japan was being attracted not by Communist ideology but rather by commercial considerations, many of them arising from an easily understandable desire to break their economic dependence upon the United States. Mao Tse-tung often what seems to be the only way out, United Press.

TRANSFER TO KENYA CAMPAIGN

Nicosia, Aug. 5. British War Department employees here today reported a confidential official campaign to induce them to transfer to Kenya in Africa.

A number of clerks, drivers and maintenance men who have been approached, reported the inducements included higher pay and living-cost allowances plus free passages.

The alleged approaches have been denied by War Department officials.

The reported move of War Department employees from this Mediterranean island base to Africa presumably would be connected with the possible transfer of British Middle East headquarters from Cyprus to Kenya.

The British government is known to be considering an alternative to the Cyprus base. Both Kenya and Aden have been mentioned as alternatives, United Press.

Polio Vaccine

New York, Aug. 5. Dr. Jonas Salk said today he was still satisfied that his killed-virus polio vaccine would solve the problem of immunizing wide groups of the world's population.

He made his comment on returning to the U.S. from a series of meetings in Geneva, on the world polio problem. United Press.

Glamour Girls Doing Well In Hospital

New York, Aug. 5. Three glamour girls—Elizabeth Taylor, Marilyn Monroe, and Marion Marlowe—were reported to be progressing satisfactorily today in New York hospitals.

Miss Taylor was reported resting comfortably at the Harkness Pavilion of the Columbia Presbyterian Medical Centre after a second attack of premature labour pains. She was rushed here on Saturday night from her Connecticut Summer home.

Miss Monroe, who was brought to Doctor's Hospital last Wednesday from her Long Island summer home, was reported "doing very well." She underwent an operation on Thursday when physical complications ended her six-week pregnancy.

Miss Marlowe was admitted to Doctor's Hospital on Saturday morning while suffering a virus infection of the chest. The singer is in an oxygen tent and is being fed intravenously, but physicians described her condition as "fairly comfortable."—United Press.

'Condemnation Amazed America'

CRITICISM OF QUEEN MAY SPOIL STATE VISIT TO US

London, Aug. 5.

The London Evening News warned Britons today that attacks on Queen Elizabeth like that by Lord Altrincham may spoil the Queen's visit to America.

John Gold, New York correspondent of the Evening News, cabled a long dispatch reporting that Lord Altrincham's condemnation of Royal "priggishness" has "amazed America" and "could hardly have come at a time more damaging to Britain."

"By attacking the Queen only weeks before she is due to arrive here (in America), on a state visit," Gold wrote, "Lord Altrincham risks undermining one of our last remaining assets in the United States at a time when that asset could prove most useful."

"Make no mistake—in the eyes of the Americans we haven't got many assets left."

"Such remarks are crude, common, and we think unpardonable," said the Tabloid News with unaccustomed hauteur.

"The plain fact," Gold concluded, "is that Americans are troubled when we take issue at the Royal family. It seems to them so damnable un-British."

—United Press.

Pakistan Accuses India

New York, Aug. 5.

Pakistan today accused India of moves "calculated to nullify international agreements" over Kashmir and of contravening resolutions of the Security Council and the United Nations Commission on India and Pakistan.

In a note to the President of the Council, the Pakistan Representative, Mr. Mansoor Ahmed, said information reaching his Government indicated the Indian Government had "recently settled a large number of non-Muslims in Nowshera, Nawabshah, Rajahmundry and in the districts of Jammu, Kashmir and Udhampur in the 'India-held zone' of Kashmir."

"Also," the note went on, "the properties left behind in the state by Muslims who were killed or driven out of the state to Pakistan or to Azad Kashmir are being declared as vacant properties and are being allotted to non-Muslim settlers of non-Kashmiri origin."

Mr. Ahmed said that in his Government's estimate, "the purpose of these moves by the Government of India is to endeavour to convert the Muslim majority in the state of Jammu and Kashmir into a minority, thereby complicating the holding of a plebiscite."

Several thousand of the assembled students also answered a "Swim Call" while she was present.—United Press.

She Saw What Her Husband Began

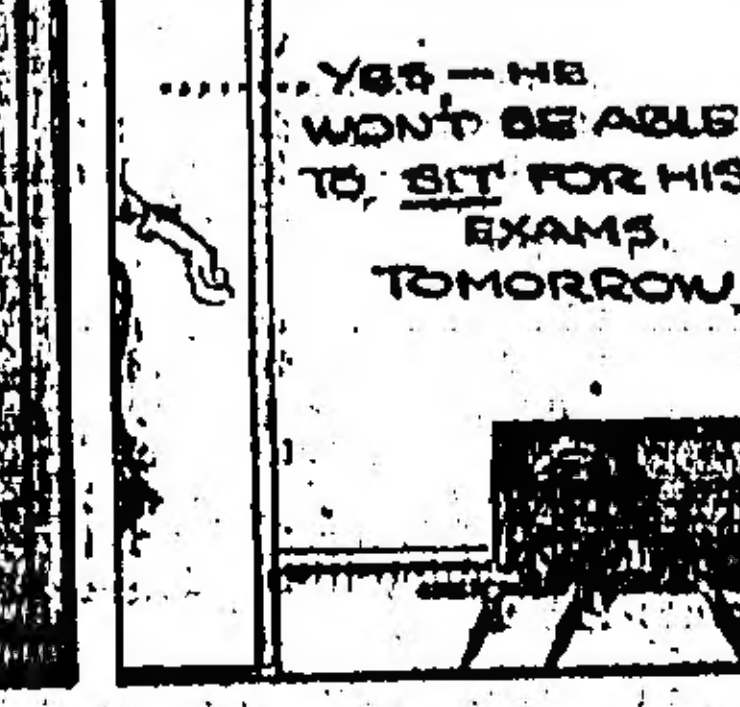
Sutton Coldfield, Aug. 5. An elderly British lady visited the International Boy Scout encampment today to inspect the fruits of a dream her husband had 50 years ago.

Lady Baden-Powell, wife of the late British peer who founded the International Boy Scout movement in 1907, chose a sunny, perfect Sunday to walk through the

huge Tent City where 34,000 scouts from 82 countries are living for 12 days.

The International Boy Scout Jamboree began on Thursday. The distinguished visitor, who herself heads the British Girl Guides, looked at the numerous sub-camps, at cooking facilities where the boys cook their meals over open fires and watched the scouts' public activities.

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He looks, and talks, like a Yorkshireman who mills flour. And so, of course, he is.

He once told a reporter, "The trouble with me is that I open my gob too much".

Actually, there are plenty of people who think that the trouble with Rank is that he opens his gob too little.

More than once he has been brought somewhere near financial disaster because he was lured into the production of an extravaganza by people whose taste and artistic judgment he believed was better than his own.

Gabriel Pascal, who spent a million and a quarter pounds on the production of Shaw's "Caesar and Cleopatra", is reported to have said: "He can always sell a few bags of flour to raise the money."

Of course, "Caesar and Cleopatra" was something rather special and Mr Pascal was being funny.

But other people have said the same sort of thing privately without even intending to be funny.

For years, it was widely believed in the film business that the Rank fortune was bottomless and that it didn't matter much whether the money came back at the box office or not.

Those were the palmy days when "Bret Maverick", "The Red Shoes", "Hamlet" and "Henry V" made the name of British films around the world.

There were also the palmy days of some colossal flops. Then, in 1948, Rank's bank loans and overdrafts rocketed to a frightening sixteen million pounds and the era of free spending was over.

The film production programme was cut from 40 pictures a year to 20, and extravaganzas were a thing of the past. Rank hired a tough accountant called John Davis who could and did tell the prima donnas in Rank's pay to pinch every penny until the copper filings came off in their hands.

Through that attention he came to know men in the film world and he was persuaded to make, in 1955, a film called "Turn of the Tide".

The critics applauded it loudly; but cinema owners were reluctant to show it.

Rank was shocked that such a seemingly contradictory state of affairs could exist and he was determined to do something about it.

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He hired the best men he could find and gave them all they asked for. "Mine," he said, "is not one of those 'creative brains'. I am not a film producer."

He hoped that the best men with all the money there was would produce something great—and keep him solvent. They did the first, but not the second.

His sense of duty to his shareholders was too great for him to allow the process to go on. But he has insisted on his other great principle: "Ours is the most suggestive medium there is. It



his directors and producers to have their heads has had to be sacrificed in the name of financial expediency. For he went into the film business originally to defend artistic integrity against what he regarded as shortsighted commercialism.

It was through his work as a Methodist Sunday school teacher that he first surveyed the film world. He was approached for help in making some religious films. Like any other canny Yorkshireman he gave his full attention to the cause for which he had given his money.

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should not be used to debauch human values, but to help men and women make this world a better place to live in."

Certainly, no one can accuse Rank of having "debauched human values", whatever else he may have done.

The man himself is a curious combination of the puritanism which was once associated with the Methodist Church and the taste for high living that is invariably associated with the film business.

He does not drink, though he smokes a little. He gambles for small stakes on cards, shoots pheasant and partridge on his Hampshire estate, works in an atmosphere which would have done credit to an Edwardian dandy—and still teaches Sunday school.

Relaxing

He is nearing 70, though he still looks as though he were in his middle fifties, and still finds his work in films relaxing.

But that work has not much changed his tastes or his outlook. Not so many years ago he is supposed to have confessed that he did not know who Thomas Hardy was, but his lack of broad general education—he never went to university, although his father could well have afforded it—has never disturbed him.

He has always had his values clearly and distinctly defined and he is quite content to leave the details to the experts.

Now that he is a peer of the realm, he may well think that he has done his job well—even if television still threatens to close him down.

Even Keel

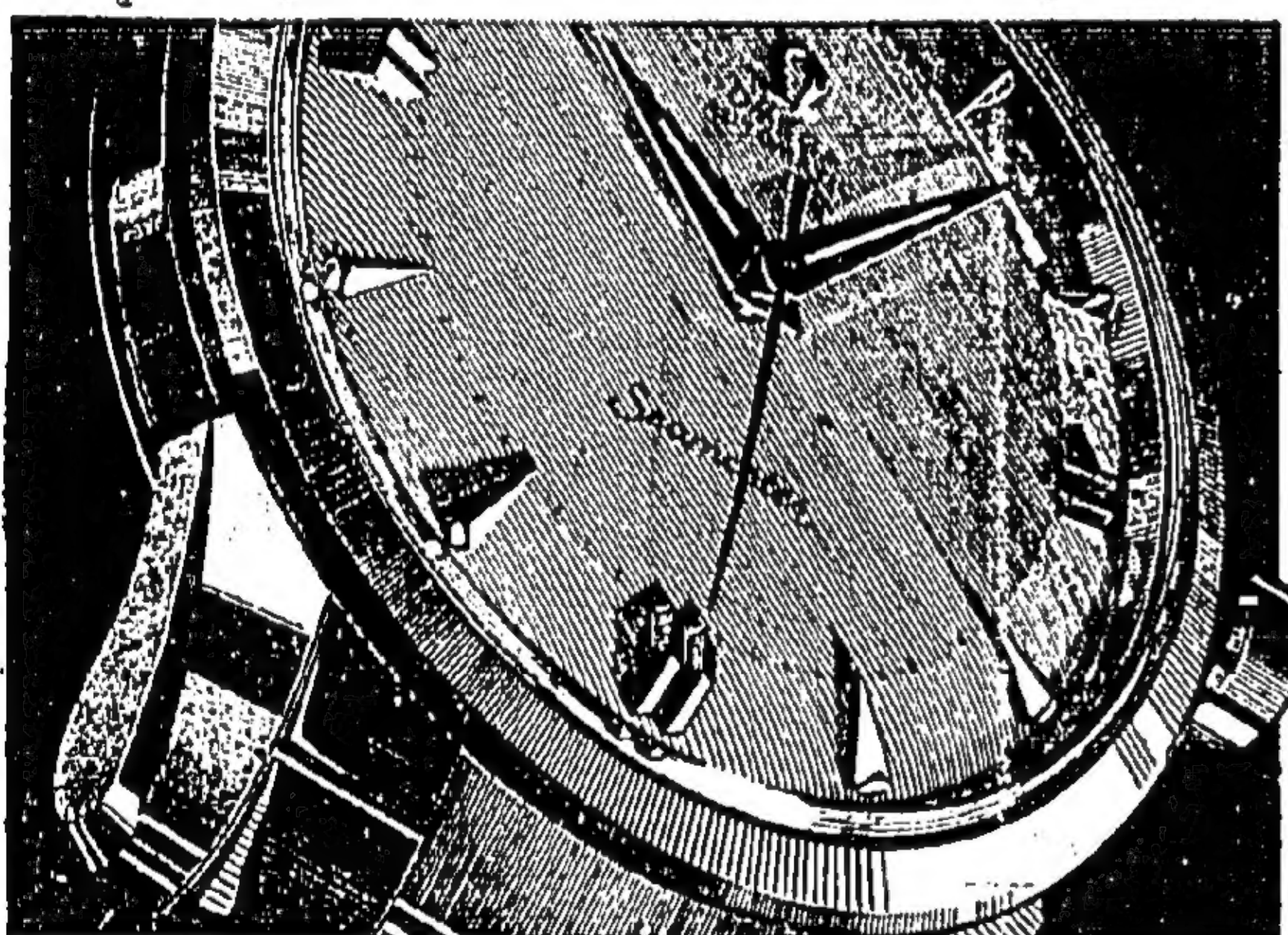
The company came back to an even keel and, in 1953, Rank made eight million pounds and declared a fat dividend.

Since then, Rank has been as cautious in his film business as he has been in the family flour milling business, which he took over in 1952 after the death of his brother. Many still hanker after the days of glory and it may be that the reputation of the Rank Organisation has been sinking in the world of art. But it is certain that its name has been rising in the world of finance.

Most likely, Rank himself regrets the passing of the old days and regrets, most of all, that the principle of allowing

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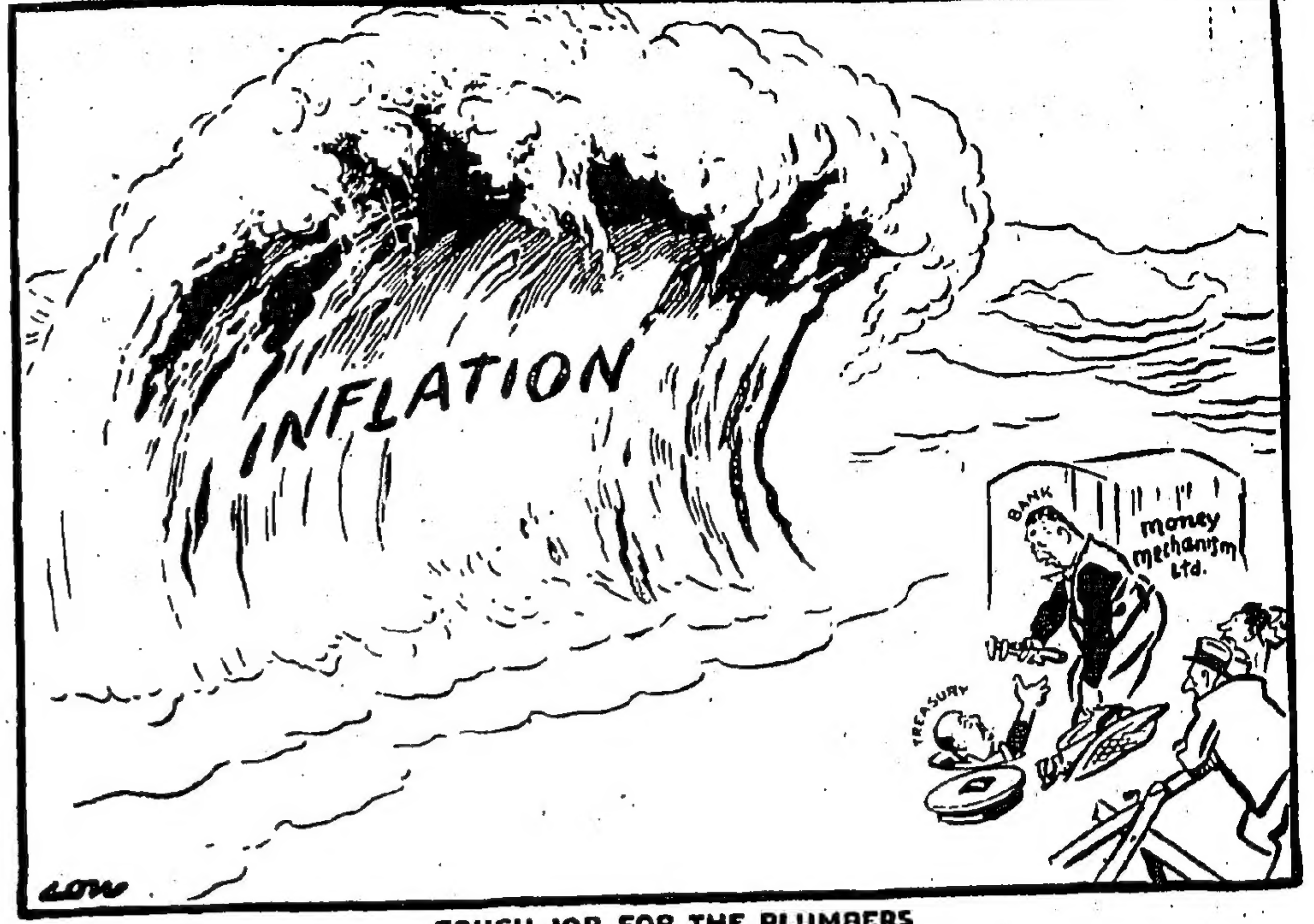
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THE GIRL FROM THE RECTORY LETS HER HAIR DOWN

Randolph? Oh, I slapped his face

(SAYS
MISS
BLOOM)

WHILE Sir Beverley Baxter lay panting on the hearthrug at her feet, Miss Ursula Bloom, the novelist, was telling me the story of her life.

We were sitting in Miss Bloom's luxury flat in the border country between South Kensington and Chelsea.

Miss Bloom was wearing a simple blue woollen dress. Sir Beverley Baxter was wearing nothing but a simple blue leather collar.

Which is not really so surprising as it may sound, because Sir Beverley Baxter happens to be Miss Bloom's pet dachshund.

A year has passed since Miss Bloom wrote an entire book about Sir Beverley and all the other dogs in her life. But that was not why I had come to her Chelsea flat. I had come about quite a different book. Not a dog book, but a book about a clergyman. About the Rev. James Harvey Bloom, her father.

BOOKS
by
**ROBERT
PITMAN**



film all the time I was playing. Of course, the Great War had started then. One of my jobs was to scratch the latest war news on blackened slides to be flashed on the screen.

"Then came my first marriage. It was a tragedy. But, of course, I had my son, Pip."

"Once when little Pip was playing on the sands at Frinton, a big, self-confident boy started throwing a tin can around. I told the boy to stop, but he did it all the more. So I slapped him really hard on the face. The tin just burst into flames and said he would tell his father. I said: 'Tell your father, I don't mind'."

"That boy was Randolph Churchill."

Miss Bloom's story had ended. I rose. Miss Bloom rose. Sir Beverley Baxter rose. He shook his big, silky ears.

And I must not forget someone else—the man who showed me to the door. For an hour he had sat with glowering eyes while Miss Bloom told her story. He was a sun-tanned man, his hands like the door had the battlement touch.

He was the man for whose devotion the daughter of Parson Bloom once gave away £100,000.

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A SENSATION

In a few weeks' time Miss Bloom will publish *The Elegant Education* (Hutchinson, 15s.) with Papa Bloom in the title role.

That book will be a sensation. It will be more than a Trollope-tinted glimpse of life in the Stratford country, where Rector Bloom had his rectory. It will be more than a clever flashback to an era of gay house-parties and croquet on Edwardian lawns.

I believe it will also be the key to the extraordinary paradox of Ursula Bloom herself.

Let us examine the paradox. Ursula Bloom is the girl from the country rectory.

But she is also the girl who, writing at a steady rate of 10,000 words a day, including Sundays, first made her name as a specialist in sex-laden novelettes. (Sample: "Her limbs white as marble and not one half inch of shirvelled flesh upon their loveliness. She had come to him wearing nothing but a pair of black silk stockings and black kid gloves to match. Strangely ravishing effect.")

FOR THE MASSES

SHE IS ALSO THE GIRL who, under the pen-name *Lozanla Prole*, has produced some even more heavily sex-laden newspaper serials for the masses. (Some sample *Prole* titles: *Our Dearest Emmet*, *My Western Tudor*, *Rose*, and *Tonight*. Josephine!)

SHE IS ALSO THE GIRL who has had the courage to let more hair down in public than anybody else. Caitlin Thomas not excepted.

Miss Bloom has already written about her first marriage to Arthur, a rich young man from Frinton. She has told how she did not love Arthur, but wanted security for her ailing mother; how the marriage was mindfully unhappy; how Arthur himself died after three years, leaving her a fortune which would eventually amount to £100,000, on condition that she did not marry again.

And she has told how, after a few years at 10,000 words a day, she felt able to throw over this entire fortune in order to marry her present husband, Commander "Robbie" Gower Robinson, R.N. (Of life and love with Robbie she has written: "That love is the sweetest, passionless beauty that ever existed. There is a locked door in my life. Beyond it lies a green lane of lovely emotions but my road lies the other way.")

FINALLY, SHE IS ALSO THE GIRL who has urged all other women to follow her example and have their faces regularly lifted as the pores grow older. Her own secret: plastic surgery operations to date. She explains: "You think nothing of patching up your teeth so why not your face? After I had my eyes tucked back, a fresh bus conductor gave me the kind of look I hadn't had in 30 years...."

For ever-profit Ursula Bloom the surgery has paid off. Although her son, Pip, is now in his forties, I can report that she does not look an hour more than 30. But the Bloom paradox has not been smoothed out. The *Prole* serials, the true confessions, the face-liftings—they are not quite what one would expect from the daughter

of a minister of the Established Church.

BRILLIANT MAN

THEN what was that minister really like? What is the explanation?

In the Chelsea flat, as I potted Sir Beverley Baxter's brown punch, I asked Ursula Bloom about her father.

"He was a brilliant man. He was one of the great experts on Shakespeare and Stratford. He translated early Latin archives up and down the country. He was full of energy and charm. He even got himself into the London fire service in the last war at the age of 60."

Sir Beverley Baxter nuzzled his wet nose against my hands. I said: "But I read in one of your books that your mother quarrelled with your father and left him. Why?"

"Women. They were father's whole trouble. He was a clergyman, of course, but he could never resist them. Especially if they were very young or very old. Someone said he liked them either green or rotten."

The rector's daughter smiled sadly.

"They included some very elegant and well-known women, too. One was a titled lady who was also associated with Edward VII. When Edward trotted out by the portcullis, Dad slipped in through the back door."

"The end came when he proposed installing one of the women in our home. Then mother and I moved out."

A HARD TIME

WHAT was the effect on teenage Ursula?

"Mother and I had a terribly hard time. After a year or two, I had to get a job playing the piano at a cinema in Harpenden for 80s a week. There were two big mirrors on the piano so that I could see the

POCKET CARTOON

by OSBERT LANCASTER



"A trough of low pressure is moving rapidly eastward across the North Atlantic—and guess who's in it!"

• No Lady Has A Dog's Day.

BISLEY HOLIDAY WINNER



Triumphal "holiday" parade for the Bisley. Queen's prize winner Mr James Love is "chaired" in traditional style after his victory. Mr Love spent his holiday at Bisley to compete for the Kyle Rifle Club. He is an international shot and a 34-year-old mine manager of Palma, Ayrshire. His club has only twelve members.—Reuterphoto.

THE GAY RECORD-BREAKER

DEREK IBBOTSON NEVER ALLOWS HIMSELF TO SLIP OUT OF TOP GEAR

By JOHN COTTRELL

The most talked about sportsman in Britain at the moment is a barrel-chested, jovial young Yorkshireman by the name of George Derek Ibbotson.

He has just run the fastest mile the world has ever seen. Six days before that he ran the second fastest ever three-mile. And this season he has also been the fastest man over two miles.

Yet only two years ago Derek Ibbotson was unknown, an obscure Huddersfield electrical engineer about to begin his national service in the Royal Air Force.

He had collected a few county track titles and had been described as "a promising lad" in the local press. But, outside his county, the name of Ibbotson meant virtually nothing.

Today, that name stands for courage, determination and superb physical fitness. It provides inspiration for every ambitious young athlete.

What kind of man is this 25-year-old Yorkshireman, who is the biggest box-office draw in British athletics? And how has he made such sensational progress?

Ibbotson is a gay cavalier of sport, a man with a wry dry humour, always seeming carefree and relaxed. On the track he has an easy, economical running action, and has been known to grin broadly at the most critical stage of a race.

He enjoys running for running's sake, whether winning or losing, whether at an international meeting or in a local sports event.

HOPELESS TASK

In the 5,000 metres of the last Olympic Games, most runners were completely demoralised by the seemingly hopeless task of chasing the breezy Russian sailor, Vladimir Kuts. They were long faces in the dressing room; some even said they would finish with athletics altogether. But not Ibbotson. He looked serenely happy. He smiled at the finish, and said: "I enjoyed that race tremendously." And

he was not just thinking about the bronze medal he had gained for third place.

This great capacity for enjoying races best explains his remarkable progress over the past two years. For few athletes in modern times have competed in races so frequently.

In the 1955 season, he competed in 64 races, so far this season he has had nearly 40 races. With his wife and baby daughter he often travels hundreds of miles to fit in three or four races a week.

Only a few hours after running the world's fastest mile, Ibbotson and family were dashing, with luggage and a carrycot, to catch a train for his firm's sports meeting.

It has been that way since Derek Ibbotson emerged from obscurity in 1955.

In that season he borrowed a pound from his mother to go to Manchester for a "training spin" with Gordon Pirie. He finished the "spin" as the seventh fastest man in the world over 2,000 metres. And at the mile stage in the race his time was 4mins. 8.8secs.

This performance provided the first clue to Ibbotson's great potential.

SECOND PLACE

Two months later, when Chris Chataway broke the world's three-mile record, it was Ibbotson who made it possibly by brilliant pace-making. Working

to a pre-arranged plan, the Yorkshireman sacrificed himself for Chataway and only just gained second place after falling on the last lap.

But one year later these positions were to be reversed. In July, 1956, Ibbotson took the British three-mile title away from Chataway, beating him by inches. Both men returned the same time—13mins. 32.6secs.

The following month Ibbotson caused an even greater sensation. He ran the mile in 3mins. 59.4secs., equalling Bannister's national record and becoming the sixth man in the world to run the mile in less than four minutes.

It was no premeditated performance like Bannister's. Ibbotson only entered the race to get an extra ticket for the competitors' banquet following the meeting between Britain and Czechoslovakia.

He wanted another ticket for his fiancée's American cousin who was on holiday in Britain, and he had been told, as a joke, that he would have it if he ran the mile.

So Ibbotson ran—in spite of a dislocated big toe and trouble with an Achilles tendon.

This was typical of Ibbotson. He has a fair for the unusual—both in public and private life. Last year, he almost failed to reach Melbourne for the Olympic Games. At Athens, he was involved in a dispute with airport officials because he publicly tore up an anti-British leaflet which had been handed to him.

Even the courtship of his wife, formerly Madeline Wooler, British five-minute miler, was unusual. He met her in a Moscow garden during an athletic tour, wooed her in Prague, and proposed on a cross-country training run in Middlesex.

UNUSUAL EPISODE

The most unusual episode in Ibbotson's fantastic career? I should say it was the day last June when he ran what was then the second fastest mile of all time.

He won a race in 3mins. 58.4secs., only four tenths of a second outside John Landy's world record. He completed this magnificent performance only a few hours after becoming a father for the first time. And he did it at the Glasgow Police Sports.

But Ibbotson did lose one race that day—a race to the maternity hospital. He arrived after visiting hours and was unable to see his wife and 7lb. 6oz. daughter, Christine.

Since then, the gay Yorkshire lad has conducted on his merry, unpredictable way. One day this season he failed to qualify for the final of the mile in the Amateur Athletic Association's Championships. The next, he set new British and Empire records for the three miles with a time of 13mins. 20.8secs.

Now Ibbotson is, after the world record for his favourite distance, the three-mile. And no one in his right senses would put the task beyond him.

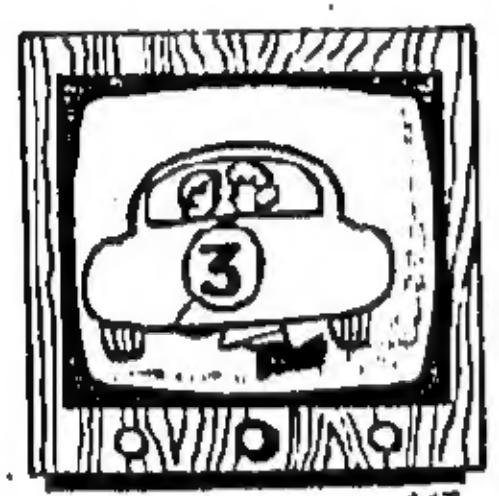
But even greater things are expected of young Derek. Experts believe he can even beat his own record of 3mins. 57.2secs. for the mile. A time of 3mins. 55secs. is thought to be possible.

It is significant that Ibbotson has finished free of great physical distress on the three occasions he has beaten four minutes for the mile. On two of the occasions there was no pace-maker; on the third the pace was uneven.

But one man may prevent him from attaining even greater heights in the athletic world—Ibbotson himself. He enjoys racing so much that he hardly knows when to stop.

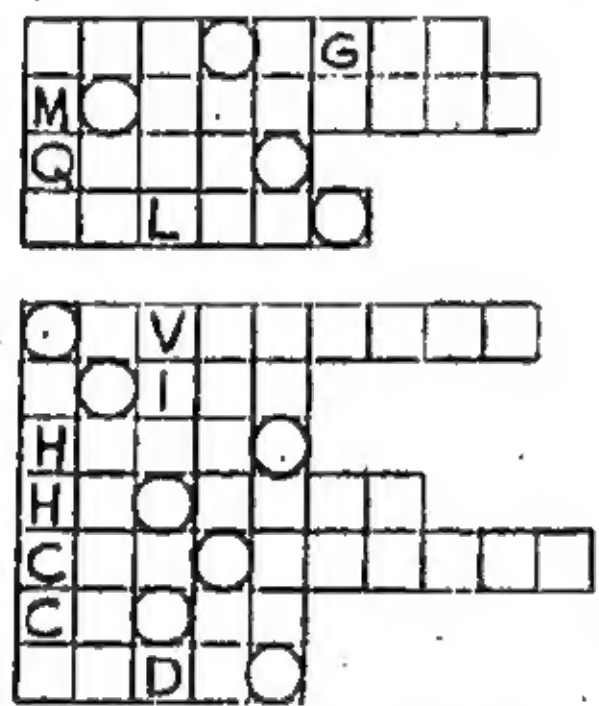
This season he has been running in spite of warnings that he may be crippled with arthritis if he does not have specialist attention for his right leg. The trouble has arisen from two breaks in the big toe, which were never properly set, and a dent in a knee-cap.

There is no doubt that he is running much too frequently this season. But how do you slow down a "human dynamo" like Ibbotson, a man who lives for running and never allows himself to slip out of top gear?—London Express Service. (Copyright)



NAMESAKES

INSTRUCTIONS: Fill in the spaces against each of the clues below with a word related to my life. The letters in circles spell out my name. Who am I?



Solution on Page 9

- 1 Marital
- 2 Marriage
- 3 Female ruler
- 4 Royal house
- 5 Pound
- 6 Period of rule
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- 9 Crowning
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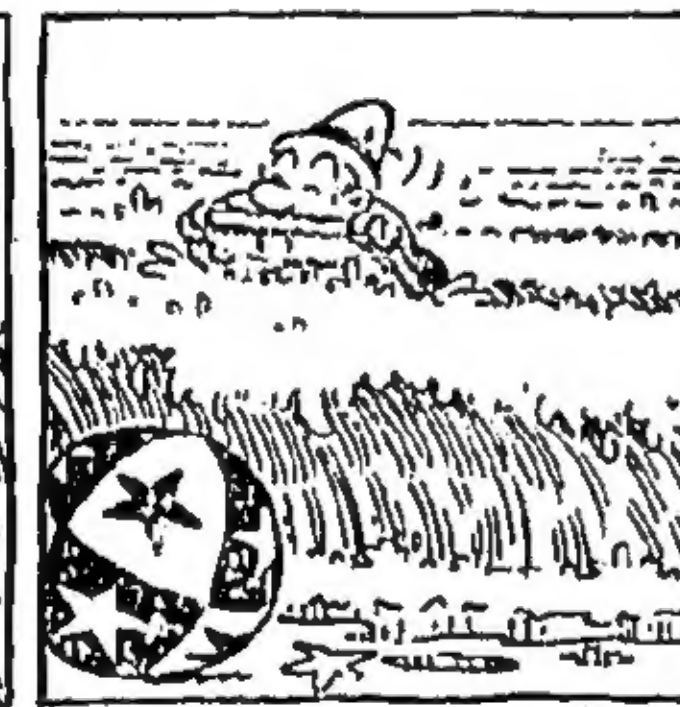
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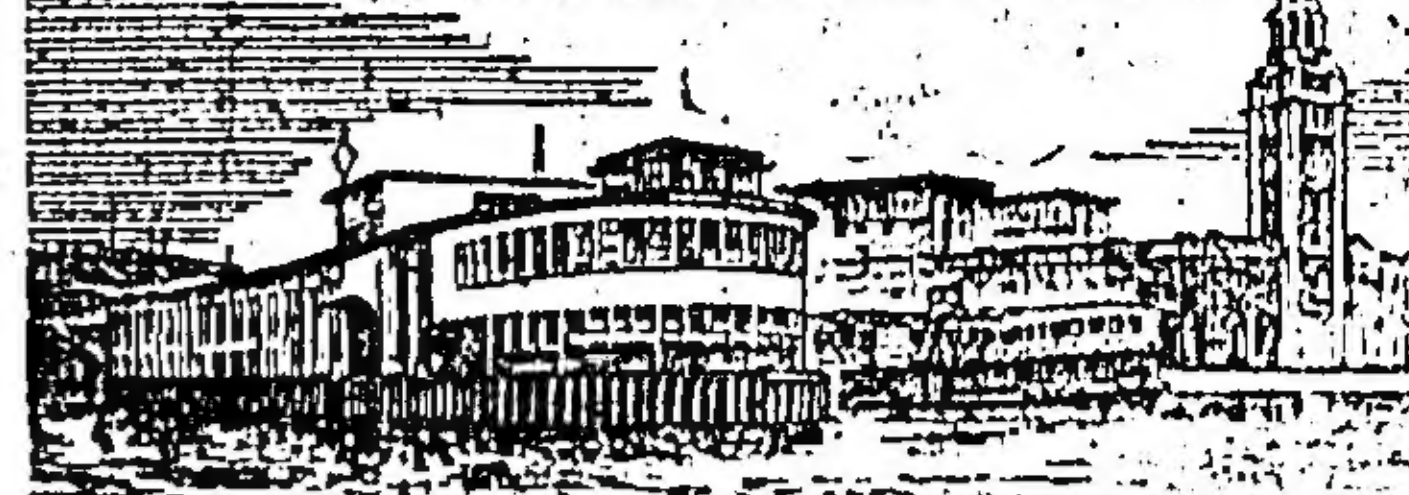
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AUSTRALIA'S ARMY OF JOBLESS GROWING

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER, By H. KING WOOD

Sydney, By Airmail.

Although there has so far been little publicity about it, Australia is once again acquiring quite an army of jobless. Industrial observers believe that the number of unemployed is far greater than shown in the official figure of 52,225 at the end of June.

These observers claim that these figures are misleading because it does not include thousands of recent migrants who have not had time to register as unemployed, many single persons now out of work but who are "looking round" before putting their names down with employment agencies, and the large number of married women who have not registered because they are not entitled to unemployment benefits.

Even so, the 52,000 registered unemployed were 20,000 greater than in June last year and 6,000 more than last April.

Two years ago it was possible to walk past almost any factory or building project in the metropolitan area and see signs advertising all sorts of perks to get workmen.

These have gone today and in their place is the sign "No Vacancies" or "No hands wanted".

Steady Flow

For the first time since the 1952/53 recession the trickle of men and women through the Commonwealth Employment Office has increased to a steady flow that is gathering strength rather than slackening.

Experts have all sorts of reasons for the slump in employment. Some say Government restrictions on finance have broken down the natural extension of industry. Other say the Japanese trade treaty has made many manufacturers cautious about future orders for local goods, while there are others who claim that the unusual warmth of early winter months has resulted in a lack of orders for goods which could normally be expected during winter months.

There is one sure way to find out whether things are good or bad—the taxi drivers. For months now they have been complaining about lack of customers and smallness of tips and they are always the first to feel a tightening of money.

Extremely Worried

Some Government supporters are reported to be extremely worried about the way Australian Broadcasting Commission television establishment costs are skyrocketing.

The ABC has already spent \$234 million on TV in Sydney and Melbourne—expenditure reported to have far outstripped the outlay by commercial television stations in the same centres.

To set up in other capitals and major back areas the ABC will need a vote of many millions more.

In the last budget a record \$9,100,000 was allocated for broadcasting and television services for the ABC but this amount has already been over-extended by some \$300,000 and it would seem that at least \$10,000,000 must be allocated for the ABC in the budget that will be presented next month.

Long, Sleek Car

Mr. Fred Cullen, managing director of a wholesale grocery chain, has discovered that owning a long, sleek car have very many disadvantages.

Mr. Cullen is the man who bought for \$24,100 an American car which had been confiscated by Customs.

The car had been imported by a businessman who said he had bought it in the States from money won by gambling in that country.

He had no import licence and the car was confiscated. Mr. Cullen bought it at the Customs' auction.

He explained this week that a couple of times he hasn't been able to drive away because of crowds around the car.

Sometimes he has returned to his car to find people sitting inside it if he had omitted to lock the doors.

Air Conditioning

"People seem to be fascinated by the gadgets," he said. And there are enough gadgets in this \$24,000 car to fascinate anyone.

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But the chromium plated, fan-and-white limousine's boot is so long that it is likely to scrape the ground if the car goes down a depression.

Easiest way to avoid this, Mr. Cullen said, is to ignore driving and drive straight over a footpath.

Little Italys

"Little Italys" are gradually becoming scattered around northern Queensland and causing concern to officials, educators and church leaders.

In many centres Australian businessmen are handicapped unless they can speak Italian and even public notices and signs in shops have to be put in Italian as well as English.

Officials are also concerned over the fact that the Italians settle down in the one area and quite frequently sponsor the migration from Italy of quite a number of countrymen to whom they give jobs and so increase the population of the "Little Italy".

Now In Control

The average time an Italian migrant needs to become a Queensland farmer with his own home, car, a good property and money in the bank is six years.

Italians have gradually taken over control of the thriving town of Stanthorpe. Twelve years ago it had only a small Italian community, but today it numbers 70 per cent of the district population.

They have extended their activities from farming to commerce with increasing control over local undertakings.

Government officials say that the most remarkable aspect of the Italian "take-over" is that local Australians accept it.

Generally speaking the Italian businessman is well respected. There are very few arguments and Australians do not begrudge them their success which comes about through extremely hard work in the torrid climate.

Logical Plan

Sir Wilfred Kent Hughes has come up with the most logical suggestion heard so far for financing Olympic and Empire Games teams to go overseas.

Sir Wilfred believes the Federal Government should invest \$200,000 in one of its loans on behalf of amateur sport.

This would produce many thousands in interest and would greatly assist in getting Australia proper representation without going cap in hand begging money for fares and a minimum of equipment.

The investment could be charged against publicising Australia and should be some slight repayment for the way Australians have boosted their country abroad.

Ambassadors Boycott Reception

Moscow, Aug. 5.

A number of Western ambassadors to Moscow, including the British, are boycotting tonight's Kremlin reception at which delegates to the Sixth Moscow Youth Festival will meet members of the Soviet Government.

Representatives of all or most of the youth delegations have been invited as have ambassadors in Moscow.

Mr. Nikita Khrushchev, Soviet Communist Party leader, was expected to attend.

A British spokesman said: "It is not the policy of the British Government to associate itself with the Festival."—China Mail Special.

San Francisco, Aug. 5.

Mr. R. G. Menzies, Prime Minister of Australia, left by air for home today after a short North American visit following his attendance at the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conference in London.—Router.

Jane Roberts tells you... What's On Tonight

HOOVER and LIBERTY: "Lizzie": Eleanor Parker is good, bad and indifferent as she reveals the three sides of her character. With Richard Boone, Joan Blondell, Hugo Haas.

KING'S and PRINCESS: "The Buster Keaton Story": The back stage life of the famous deadpan comedian with Donald O'Connor in the title role. Ann Blyth and Rhonda Fleming are the ladies present.

METROPOLE and STAR: "Joe Butterfly": More of the "Teahouse of the August Moon" brow. Burgess Meredith, Audie Murphy, George Nader, Keenan Wynn.

QUEEN'S and ALHAMBRA: "Doctor At Large": Dirk Bogarde gets into more hot water in his search for the perfect post. With James Robertson Justice, Muriel Pavlow, Donald Sinden.

ROXY and BROADWAY: "Bernadine": The growing pains of present day American college boys. Pat Boone, Janet Gaynor, Terry Moore, Dean Jagger.

EMPIRE: The Katherine Dunham Show. On the stage: dancers, singers and musicians from Broadway.

TODAY'S COMPETITION PICTURES

Here are two more entries in the China Mail Photographic Competition, the results of which will be announced on Saturday together with winning entries.

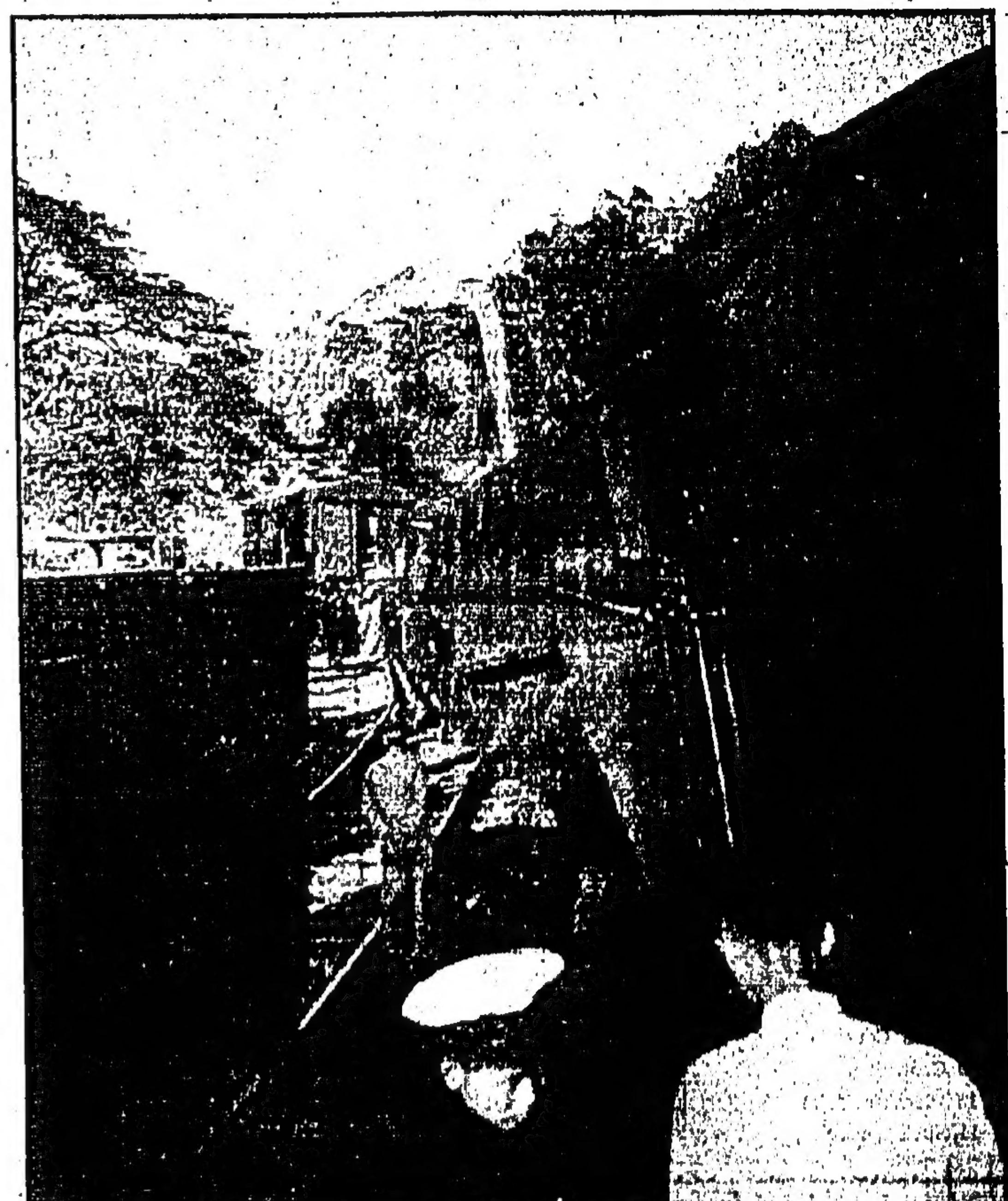
The upper photo was submitted by K. S. Leung, 111B Chatham Garden

Flats, Kowloon. Its caption reads: Rail mishap at Yaumatei Station on 15.12.51. It was entered in the news section.

The lower photo was by V. Lau, 345 Main Street West, third floor, Shaikwan, Hongkong. Its caption reads: "Side Walk": this photo was

taken at Chai-wan on a sunny day. The cat was coming from the hut. I expected she would run through the steps, but instead she preferred the other way."

It was submitted for the "human or animal interest" section.



LIBEL ACTION DISMISSED

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Mr. Wright also gave the Judge several definitions of what was considered defamatory by the Courts.

He said that he was certain that it was not through lack of diligence that Mr. Cheung had not produced any case on the same lines as the present. He himself had looked through the books and could not find any case where words as trivial as those in the Wah Kiu article had ever been held to be capable of a defamatory meaning.

Quoting illustrations from cases, Mr. Wright said that the

allegations contained in the Wah Kiu article "fall far short of what constitutes libel in law."

NOT DISCREDITABLE

He contended that it was not creditable to say a person was taken to a police station unless there was an innuendo attributed to the words inferring that he had committed a crime, and there was nothing of that nature at all in the article.

Nor did it cast any reflection on anyone in the sense of the words "like Hongkong and

Macao to say that he had been out at 2 a.m. Counsel argued. He submitted that there was nothing defamatory in saying that the plaintiff had a close with a police driver because such things had been seen in Hongkong and Macao and after a person might be justified in life credit that he recognized with the police driver who might have been carrying a driving into his friend. This was no reflection on his character or reputation. It did not make him ridiculous, in fact might even make people sympathetic with him.

The case is proceeding.

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ADMIRAL "SNORKEL" PEN

HE'S PUTTING AN AMERICAN FAMILY INTO A CHING DYNASTY SETTING

Young Artist At Work In A City Lane

by George Chee

THE same big names Pablo Picasso, Diego Rivera and Henry Moore, that stood out a generation and more ago still rule the artistic roost.

JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

A Timely Reminder

MIDDAY is an hour about which hotels and other institutions that receive the casual guest are strangely sensitive.

In hotel rooms a cardboard notice swings from the clothes hook on the door. "Guests are reminded," it warns, "that unless this room is vacated by 12 midday a further night's stay will be charged."

At reception centres, where go those who lack the price of a bed elsewhere, overnight guests are not allowed to leave on 11 midday, and this can complicate life, as George found.

THE SPIKE

GEORGE is a dark-haired man of 26. A policeman came upon him at 11.30, the other evening lying on a bench in Trafalgar Square, trying to sleep. "You can't do that," the policeman said. "That's lodging in the open air, and it's against the law." Now there's a hostel.

AN HOUR GAINED

GEORGE did not saunter fur. Half-an-hour later the same policeman found him asleep on another bench and arrested him. "Good," said George, "anything's better than the spike." At Bow Street he pleaded guilty to the charge, and said to Mr. Briston: "The reason I didn't go to the spike was that they'd have kept me till midday, and that's too late to go for a job."

Imported Gold Bars

For importing 12 bars of gold weighing 62 taels into the Colony without a licence, Cheng Wong, 36, of 72 Old Street, first floor, Aberdeen, was fined \$750 by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central Magistrate's Court this morning.

On August 3 at the Hongkong-Macao Wharf, when searched by the Revenue officers, defendant was found to conceal the gold inside the base of a basket. Defendant was then taken to the Department of Commerce and Industry where a complaint was laid against him and later charged.

The younger generation of painters has tried to distinguish itself from its elders but, with a few exceptions, has not succeeded.

But a young painter called Tsui is doing something out of the ordinary and appears to be on his way to fame even though his work may never achieve the immortality of the masters.

Painting an American family in Chinese style clothing is a profitable business for Tsui Kwong-man.

He has just received an order from an American family to paint them in Chinese style clothing for HK\$750.

Tsui hopes this first assignment will lead to more business from American and other foreign tourists.

Began At 13

The thirty-six-year-old painter is a Malayan-born Chinese. He is simple, quiet and modest. At the age of 13, Tsui had already started learning how to draw. He was not from a too well-to-do family and could not afford to take painting lessons from famous teachers. But he was fortunate to have an elder brother—very keen on drawing portraits with pencil charcoal—to teach him.

From that day on Tsui has never stopped painting. His love for painting is apparent to one who watches his enthusiastic approach to his work. Now he is doing what he himself calls a masterpiece—a piece of work which requires imagination as well as creative power. And what kind of picture is this?

Tsui, with a stern and artistic manner, would tell you that it is a picture in which he has thought out everything himself.

40-Day Assignment

He is supplied only with a photograph of an American family. He has to think of the design of clothing to paint on every individual in the photograph. With the photograph Tsui can only copy the faces of the family and the rest is up to him.

He has chosen the kind of clothing worn by a high Chinese official family during the Ching Dynasty.

This water-colour picture is to be finished in forty days—now eighteen days have passed and it is nearly a third done. To those who know something about painting, they can already see that this picture is going to distinguish itself from other ordinary drawings. There is just something in it that will make it last.

Came In 1950

Tsui paints not only water-colour portraits but also old Chinese scenery and oil paintings. He is also skilful in using pencil and wax on paper.

The painter told me that he came to Hongkong in 1950 from the mainland. He found business here 'good'.

What life does this unmarried artist lead apart from his drawing—paper, brush, paints, charcoal—pencil etc.?

For exercise he swims. For relaxation he goes to Chinese restaurants for tea.

He doesn't smoke. He doesn't drink. He likes going to cinemas, reading good books and visiting friends. He is extremely fond of domestic animals and hopes someday he will be asked to paint pictures of them.

Tsui said that he works only four to five hours every day and rests on Sundays.

Painting Is Tiring

"Don't think that I'm lazy because I do nothing else except paint. Painting isn't so very simple. It takes you out so easily and quickly," he added.

When I brought up the question of marriage, this young bachelor artist said: "I don't talk of marriage. It is my own business. I don't see what connection there is between my work and women."

The lane next to Pedder Building off Pedder Street is where Tsui works. His immaculate technique has not attracted many Hongkong artists—but should do. Nevertheless, he is happy with his trade. "I have found much contentment and happiness in painting," Tsui told me.

So it is—that he who has found the best occupation is he who has found the thing he likes to do best.

JEWELLERY THEFT IN BOWEN RD

Pleading guilty to stealing a jewellery box containing valuables worth approximately \$1,600 from a house in Bowen Road, a 26-year-old unemployed man, Tong Yam-yiu, was sentenced to eight months' imprisonment by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central Magistrate's Court this morning.

On an additional charge of a similar nature which alleged that he had stolen a plastic wallet containing \$97 from a woman in a Peak house on July 11, he was given two months' imprisonment. The sentences are to run consecutively.

The jewellery box, belonging to Mrs. Doreen Taylor, contained five rings, four bracelets, eight necklaces, a wrist watch, six pairs of earrings, 11 brooches, two bangles, one pendant, one necklace, four keys, one bottle of scent and cash \$64. The articles were all recovered.

AT PAWNSHOP

Outlining the facts, DSI Ho told the court that about 5 p.m. on August 1, detectives on pawnshop duty in the Wanchoi district, saw defendant offer two lady's gold rings for pawning. When questioned, the defendant failed to give a satisfactory account of his action, DSI Ho added.

The defendant was arrested. Further enquiries revealed that the two rings were earlier stolen from a house on the Peak, DSI Ho said.

The defendant then took the detectives to No. 8 Bowen Road where Mrs. Taylor was contacted. She identified the rings as her property but stated that a jewellery box had also been stolen from her bedroom, the inspector said.

A search of defendant's home discovered all the other missing articles, DSI Ho continued.

STOLE WALLET

The defendant, DSI Ho added, further admitted stealing the wallet and said that he had already spent the \$97.

Defendant, who had a clear record, and the Magistrate if he could be bound over as this was his first offence. He added that he used to be a tailor but he was out of work. "I was forced to steal," he claimed.

Sgt. Lai Kwok, DPCS, Lai Hon-wah and Lam Chiu were highly commended by the Magistrate for their excellent work in the case.

Mr. Lo ordered the stolen property to be returned to the owner.



Artist Tsui Kwong-man (above) works painting an American family in old Chinese style clothing at his pitch in a lane running off Pedder Street.



The second picture shows the family portrait from which Artist Tsui painted the lower picture—an American family in Ching Dynasty clothing. —China Mail Photos.



—Old Dane Celebrating—
75th Birthday

Mr. V. Nerling who is celebrating his 75th birthday on August 12 is an old "China Hand" who came to China in 1902. He has been connected with various shipping companies and transportation companies, mainly in Shanghai. He was a Volunteer with the Russian Army in 1904 when the war against Japan was on and was decorated with a medal for bravery.

Mr. Nerling was also in the Scandinavian Unit of the Shanghai Volunteers for several years.

At one time he was the owner of a popular Scandinavian restaurant the "Grand Danols" on Bubling Well Road in Shanghai. He was also well-known as Dining Room Manager of the Palace and later House Hotels in Shanghai and as the Manager for Trachtenko Restaurant and the Cock and Pullet Restaurants here in Hongkong.

In 1934 he was engaged by Molters Limited of Shanghai to take over the supervision of discharging over 40 ships loaded with rice for a certain part of China which was famine-stricken.

The rice came from Bangkok and Saigon and was unloaded at Ningpo and Shanghai. Mr. Eric Molter, Sr. wrote Mr. Nerling a personal letter thanking him for the excellent work he had performed.

advice is never to everdo anything, such as working, eating, drinking etc., and also he has gathered no riches ("you can't take it with you"). At present he is working in the capacity of Steward for the Shek-O Country Club.

American Reservists Win Cruise To Pacific

The 14,700-ton United States cruiser Worcester arrived here this morning under the command of Captain R. C. Williams in the course of a Pacific cruise.

Worcester is sporting a large red letter "E" on her funnel—a reward for "excellence" in seamanship on a national basis won by 39 officers and men of the Naval Reserve.

The reward is the present Worcester carries a complement of 970 men and 54 officers. She is staying here until Friday.

Constable Accused Of Taking Money

Two men came before Mr. Derek Cons at Kowloon Court this morning and laid charges that PC Li Tok-kwong had taken money from their pockets when they were searched on July 16.

The constable, aged 22, faced four counts of larceny from the person. He was alleged to have stolen sums of money from four men whom he had caught playing cards early in the morning of July 16 at the entrance of G block, Tai Hong Tung Resettlement Area.

The constable denied the charges through his solicitor, Mr. Edmund Y. F. Cheung of Messrs Peter Mo and Co. Sub-Inspector T. E. Monnington prosecuted.

PLAYING CARDS

Chiu Ho-kan, one of the alleged gamblers, testified that he was playing cards with three others when the constable came up and accused them: "You are gambling and I am going to arrest you." Chiu added that the defendant searched the players and took money from their pockets. He complained that the defendant took \$14 from him.

Making a similar complaint, Lau Ying, the second of the four players who testified this morning, said the constable took \$18 away from him.

When cross-examined, Chiu said he was the last to be searched. Lau, however, also made the same claim.

The case is continuing.

MURDER CHARGE

A 31-year-old teanouse folk was remanded for three days in Police custody on a charge of murder, by Miss B.K. Searle at Central Court, this morning.

The defendant, Lai Hon-mun, alias Lai Yon is alleged to have murdered a man named Sin Cheuk alias Sin Cheuk-dan, on August 1, at 104 Pokfulam Village.

ALLEGED MURDER OF FACTORY GIRL

Man On Trial

THE story of the alleged stabbing of a factory girl by her erstwhile lover in broad daylight was told when Cheng Siu-ching, 29, unemployed appeared on trial for murder before Mr Justice C. W. Reece in the Criminal Sessions this morning.

Cheng is alleged to have stabbed Yiu Sau-chun as she was returning to the factory in Tsau Wan where she worked after her mid-day meal on April 5 last. It was stated that she was with two other factory girls when the alleged offence took place, and that it was witnessed by her two companions.

A statement made to the Police by the accused said that he had been deceived by the girl who would not marry him. "I do not want to be deceived, therefore I sacrificed my life," the accused was alleged to have said in the statement.

ALL-MALE JURY

Prosecuting are Mr W. A. Blair-Kerr, Solicitor General, and Mr G. R. Smith, Crown Counsel, assisted by Mr G. Ferguson, DDI. Tsau Wan, Cheng is defended by Mr Gerald de Basto, instructed by Mr A. Y. Hui.

An all-male jury has been empanelled. Mr Blair-Kerr told the jury that the alleged killing took place at Tsau Wan. At the bottom of a hill was a factory which manufactured iron-nails and nearby were huts occupied by employees of the factory.

The deceased stayed with her mother and brother and another factory girl in one of the huts. This girl would say that on April 5 this year she and the deceased and another factory girl were returning to work after mid-day meal when this incident which caused the death of the deceased occurred.

The witness would say that as the three of them were walking along a path leading down to the factory she heard the accused call from behind them, "Ah Sau." The deceased stopped and asked accused what he wanted because she was in a hurry. The deceased then rejoined her two companions and proceeded on.

TURNED ROUND

Shortly afterwards the witness heard accused call out, "I have something to tell you." The deceased turned round and went towards the accused.

Mr Blair-Kerr said that the witness would say that after a short conversation between the accused and the deceased, she heard the deceased shout, and looking around saw the accused holding the deceased by the head and stabbing her on the side of it with a knife.

The two girls approached the accused who, the witness would further say, threatened them with the knife. They then ran towards the factory shouting for help.

A watchman on duty at the factory, on hearing the cry for help, saw the accused running away through some grass. He and another man gave chase and after overtaking the accused they overpowered him. In answer made a statement in which he stated that in March of 1955 he and the deceased became acquainted in Swatow. Shortly afterwards the girl asked him to marry her but because he was ill at the time he asked her to wait until he got well, the statement said. She also asked him to take her to Hongkong. The accused alleged in the statement that he spent a lot of money on her and that her family borrowed money.

Crown Counsel said that accused was later charged and in answer made a statement in which he stated that in March of 1955 he and the deceased became acquainted in Swatow. Shortly afterwards the girl asked him to marry her but because he was ill at the time he asked her to wait until he got well, the statement said. She also asked him to take her to Hongkong. The accused alleged in the statement that he spent a lot of money on her and that her family borrowed money.

Witnesses for the Crown were then called. Hearing is proceeding.

SACRIFICE LIFE

"Now she will not marry me," the accused said in the statement, and added that she had deceived him "I do not want to be deceived, therefore I sacrificed my life," the statement concluded.

Witnesses for the Crown were then called. Hearing is proceeding.

3 YEARS FOR ASSAULT

A sentence of three years' imprisonment was imposed on a 42-year-old unemployed Fa Tau, of 142 C Block of Tai Wan Shan Resettlement Area by Judge R. H. Mills-Owens at Kowloon District Court this morning when the accused pleaded guilty to a charge of assault with intent to rob.

The accused, who had two previous convictions for larceny was also placed under the police supervision for two years.

The Police said that on the morning of June 23, Ho Ming, a 77-year-old complainant, was walking along Junction Road when the accused came from behind and with intent to snatch complainant's wrist watch.

The complainant put up a struggle and the accused was subsequently arrested by two policemen.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"I've learned plenty working here—if a man's going to get married, he needs a big salary just for cosmetics!"

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